

Finding Words *Virginia*

Application Form 2006

This program is limited to 40 students per session. Please be aware that this is an intensive course. You will receive a **mandatory** reading assignment prior to the training sessions. The workshops are supplemented by homework assignments that must be completed each night and each student will be given a written examination at the end of the course. Students who fail to attend all workshops; to complete homework; to conduct child and actor/actress interviews; and to pass the examination will not be eligible for a certificate of course completion or a refund of their tuition.

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supports a multidisciplinary approach to child abuse cases. Therefore, preference will be given to those who apply to attend the training as a multidisciplinary team (MDT). The ideal team consists of a prosecutor, a forensic interviewer, a law enforcement investigator, and a child protective services worker. Individual applications will also be considered. For more information call or contact Holly Oehrlein at: (804) 371-0534 or Holly.Oehrlein@dcjs.virginia.gov.

Please check one:

☐ MDT Member Application (*Team applications must be mailed together*)

☐ Individual Application

Please choose preferable dates of training:

☐ April 3-7, 2006 Deadline to apply is March 1st

☐ June 19-23, 2006 Deadline to apply is May 15th

☐ September 25-29, 2006 Deadline to apply is August 21st

Name _____ Title _____

Office _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____ Fax Number _____ E-mail _____

Why do you want to attend this course? (attach additional sheet if necessary): _____

Have you applied to attend Finding Words before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Has anyone from your agency attended Finding Words? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Have you attended APRI's Basic Training for Child Abuse Prosecutors and Investigators? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Number of years as a Child Abuse Professional: _____

Experience conducting forensic or therapeutic interviews: _____

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Please list other child abuse related training or interviewing programs you have attended: _____

Approximate size of jurisdiction: (check one)

- ☐ Less than 20,000 ☐ 20,001 - 50,000 ☐ 50,001 - 100,000
☐ 100,001 - 250,000 ☐ 250,001 - 500,000 ☐ 500,001 or over

Does your jurisdiction have access to a Child Advocacy Center? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Does your jurisdiction have a multidisciplinary team? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, A) Are you currently a member of the team? ☐ Yes ☐ No

B) How long have you been a member? _____

Approximately how many children have you interviewed regarding the following types of abuse:

Physical Abuse/Child Death: _____ Sexual Abuse: _____

Emotional Abuse/Neglect: _____ Physical Neglect: _____

Do you conduct interviews in a child friendly environment? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, briefly describe: _____

Check which of the following tools you employ during interviews:

- ☐ Video Tape ☐ Audio Tape ☐ Anatomical Dolls ☐ Anatomical Drawings

What rapport-building techniques do you use?: _____

Check which (if any) of these problems you have encountered during interviewing:

- ☐ Recantation ☐ Unconvincing/Inconsistent Disclosure ☐ Delayed Disclosure
☐ Non-supportive, non-offending parent ☐ Other _____

Please Return Completed Application to:

Finding Words Virginia

Attn: Denise Hampton

Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

202 North Ninth Street, Richmond, VA 23219

Please Note:

ALL team applications must be received together.

Tuition is \$200

Do not send tuition payment with your application. You will be notified of your acceptance and invoiced accordingly.